

The Links Between Organized Crime and Terrorism: The Philippines and the Abu Sayyaf

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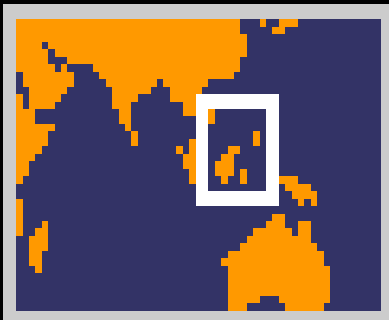
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Pacific Ocean

■ **Manila**

*South
China
Sea*

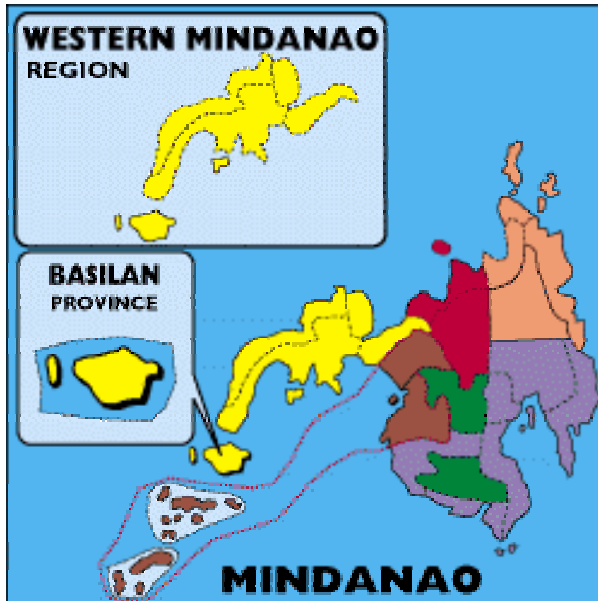
PHILIPPINES

MINDANAO

ABU SAYYAF

“Bearer of the Sword”

BASILAN



Capital: Isabel

Area: 1327 sq km

Population: ca. 300 000

Number of Towns: 7

**48.9% of families in
Mindanao live below
poverty line**

**1/3 of country's
agricultural output from
Mindanao**

Kidnap for Ransom = Income Redistribution



ASG

MEMBERS Personnel Strength	Increased from 120 in 1993 to 1,107 by 1999
FIREARMS	137% Annual average growth rate
TERORISTIC ACTIONS	378 Terroristic activities from 1999-2000

AL-QAIDA

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**Financial
support, arms,
education ...**

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ASG ACTIVITIES

**Bombings, assassinations,
kidnappings, extortion**

**ASG links with Al-Qaida
not established**

Continuing Challenges

- Dire economic situation
- Corruption of local government officials